

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**December 16, 2003**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Absent: Alderman Garrity

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Billy Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester stated:

I am going to try to stay on one topic tonight. The Harvey Industry property on Huse Road rezoning. This is a zoning map of the City and symbolically I have it tied with a compass because I think some of the Aldermen have lost their direction when it comes to rezoning. The other thing is the zoning ordinance book. Make no doubt about it, Harvey Industries plans on selling that property for a lot more money than what it is worth as industrial land. If you rezone that property tonight in the series of votes that you are going to take all you are going to be doing is giving Harvey Industries a reward for leaving town and I think they are going to leave. The writing is on the wall. That property zoned as B-2 I think is most beneficial to the Mall of New Hampshire. They will pay a hefty price to get that and with that I think you are going to see the inevitable entrance and exit road on to Huse Road that you have been trying to avoid for a long time. The City is gradually becoming a City that doesn’t manufacture anything. You are becoming a service-oriented City and it seems like

the only thing that is driving the Board to make B-2 land is higher tax money. You have lost your directions. Make Manchester a place that manufactures something. Ironically up in Maine there is a wood products company going out of business that makes tongue depressors and if you watched over the weekend with Saddam Hussein when the doctor was examining him, there is a 50/50 chance that he was using a tongue depressor made in Japan or China. By rezoning property from industrial you are whittling away Manchester's ability to have small companies come in and be manufacturing companies. Those of you that are union oriented, keep that industrial land out there and keep some workforce coming in. Vote no on the rezoning.

Joe Kelley Levasseur, 866 Elm Street, Manchester stated:

There are a lot of things to come in front of this Board to complain about. There are a lot of things that are going on that are kind of strange with the City but it is Christmas and it is also a special night tonight because one of my former colleagues, Dave Wihby and Real Pinard will not be serving in the City of Manchester on this next Aldermanic Board, which will be for two years so I would like to focus on saying thank you very much to Dave Wihby, somebody who mentored me in the process when I first came on as an Alderman in Ward 3. He took me under his wing and taught me a lot about City government. He has been a great service to the City of Manchester and deserves a big applause from everybody in the City of Manchester for all of your years of service. I wanted to come and personally thank you for all of your service to the City of Manchester David. And to Real Pinard who I have come to know and love as a friend and a person who is a great constituent serviceman for Ward 6, you will be missed but you will not be forgotten. Real, you have done a great job for your constituents in the City of Manchester and I wanted to say thank you to you also for serving the City. I know how hard it is to do this day in and day out. It is sometimes very thankless but it is also very rewarding. I would like to welcome the others that are coming to this Board and congratulate Mayor Baines and all of the others who have been here and won your elections. We look forward to watching you serve your community in the next two years. You have taken some criticism but we all do appreciate the fact that you do put yourselves out there so thank you very much and happy holidays to everybody.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Forest, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Guinta it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk